

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-17. Cancelled.

18. (Currently amended) A method for treating cardiac disease of a heart, the method comprising:

accessing a diseased heart;
selecting a device sized to be placed on the diseased heart;
placing the device on the heart, the device comprising compliant biocompatible material configured to engage a surface of the heart to passively constrain circumferential expansion of the heart; ~~and~~
passing an electrical element through an open area in the device; and
passing an electrical current to the heart using the electrical element, ~~with~~ said current selected to apply an electrical therapy to said heart.

19-31. Canceled.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising securing the device on the heart.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the device is secured on the heart with sutures.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising adjusting said device to snugly conform to the external geometry of the heart.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said biocompatible material is a substantially non-elastic material.

36. (Canceled)
37. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein said electrical element[[s]] is a pacer lead[[s]].
38. (Canceled)
39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 wherein said electrical therapy is a defibrillating therapy.
40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 wherein said electrical therapy is a pacing therapy.
41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 wherein said device is configured to engage a surface of the heart to constrain circumferential expansion of the heart beyond a predetermined maximum volume.